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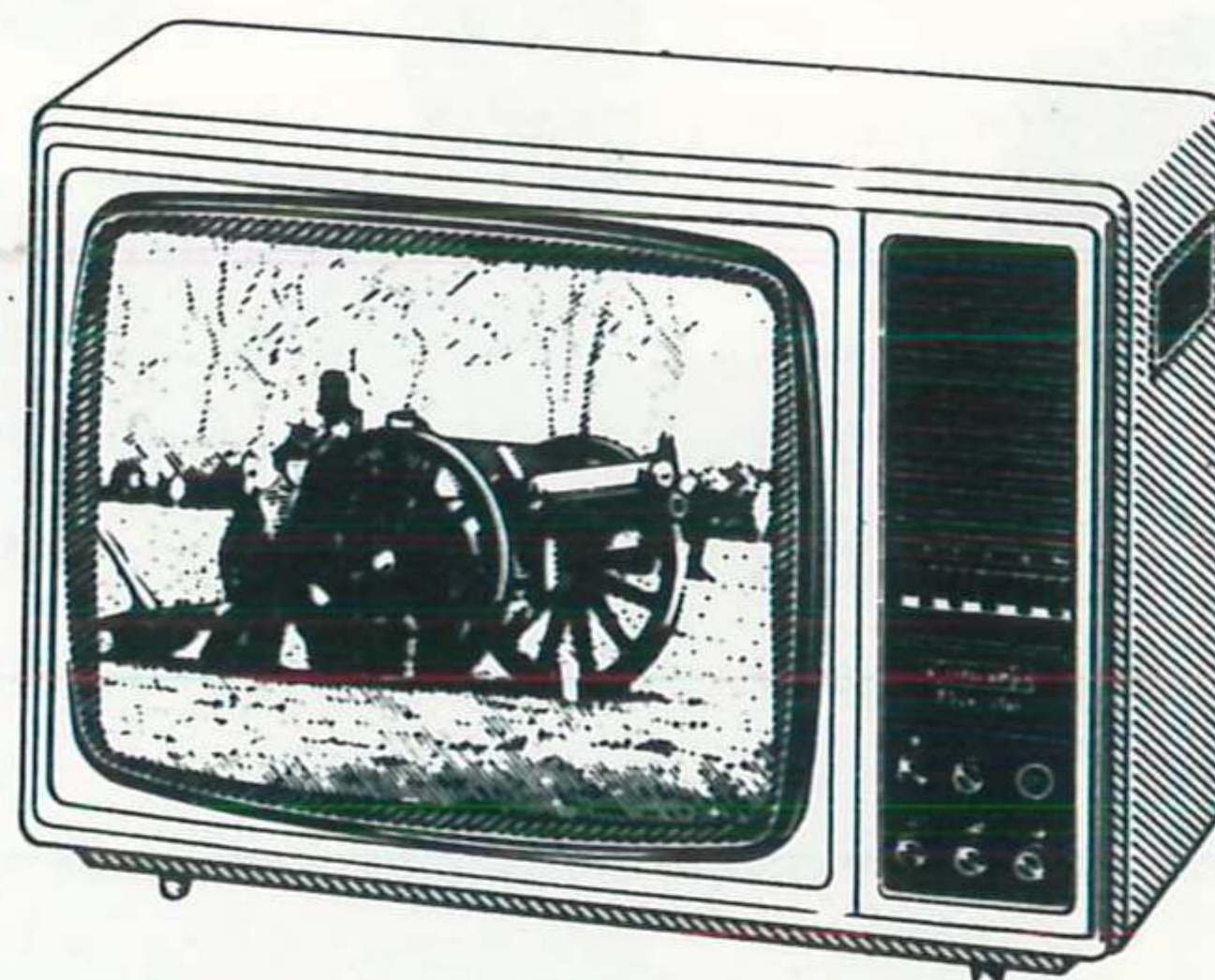
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Stan Anderson writes

Another away defeat at Derby last week means we have now gone 16 months without a League win away from Burnden Park — but the signs are that the tide is beginning to turn.

It is a fact that teams can develop a complex about away games and I felt that in certain matches last season we went out trying not to lose. That was the case on the opening day this season at Notts County.

But I can say in all honesty that was not the case last Saturday. The lads went out there thinking they could win the match and the critics who witnessed the game came up with the unanimous verdict that we should have won.

I felt we were deprived of not just one point but two and I am convinced that if we continue to play in the same way in future away games we will win more points than we lose.

In Notts County and Derby County we have played two of the front runners in Division Two. I don't believe we will meet teams of that standard too many times this season apart from the likes of West Ham, QPR and Chelsea. If we give repeat performances against some of the mediocre teams, we will not have many problems.

But we have to keep that sort of form going.

I won't be satisfied until we start scoring goals. But at least we have started creating the chances. We just aren't sticking them away.

We must take the chances as they come along otherwise we could become desperate. The difference between success and failure last week was probably Brian Kidd's miss, but there luck was against us. The ball fell to Brian but it bobbled up. If he had been able to hit it higher or lower it would have gone in, but he could only hit it in one place and the 'keeper was there.

Our visitors today, Bristol Rovers, had a lean time last season and their manager Terry Cooper was trying to get something started this season when the club suffered a major setback with their stand burning down.

Consequently they have had to play their "home" games at Bristol City and that is not the ideal way to start. Even when things are cleared up, they will be limited on the numbers they can get into their ground.

Terry Cooper must feel under tremendous pressure and I am sure we all wish him and the Rovers well in overcoming their present difficulties.

Our Visito



BACK ROW — Shaun Penny, Vaughan Jones, Mike England, Steve Harding, Dave Palmer, Ashley Griffiths, Keith Brown.

MIDDLE ROW — Phil Baker, Mark Hughes, Tony Pulis, Martin Thomas, Phil Kite, Mark Stevens, Geraint Williams, Steve Dean, Gary Mabbutt.

FRONT ROW — Gary Emmanuel, Donnie Gillies, Stewart Barrowclough, Terry Cooper (player-manager), Chic Bates, Mike Barrett, David Williams.

PROBLEMS ALL THE WAY FOR ROVERS

The new season has opened full of uncertainties for Bristol Rovers. As the big kick-off approached, the club was still wrestling with such problems as to whether they could accept a new lease on their Eastville ground and how they could afford improvements needed to bring the ageing stadium up to the required government safety standards.

A few days after the season opened, their main grandstand

was destroyed by fire and, with it, much of the club's kit and records. In spite of all this, manager Terry Cooper proclaimed

It had been reckoned that it would need £1-million in renovations to the ground to get it through the licensing requirement. Rovers felt this should be the owners' liability, and not theirs, whilst the landlords felt the club should pay. bravely: "We shall overcome the difficulties and we shall play

The Pirates

on at Eastville."

Since the end of last year, Rovers have been playing at Eastville without a lease and one of the solutions put forward to try and get the club through its problems was that they should share Bristol City's Ashton Gate ground until such time as they could build a new stadium.

This was rejected, one of the reasons being that the club felt it might lose its identity, and perhaps eventually get swallowed up, by the city's senior club.

While all the legalities were being discussed, player-manager Terry Cooper busied himself on the playing side and he pulled off one major close-season signing when persuading Bristol City's versatile Scottish under-23 international Don Gillies to move across the city in a £50,000 deal.

Gillies had been a top scorer for each of his previous clubs, Morton and Bristol City, but his best position is generally considered to be in defence and we are likely to see him at right-back today.

Mr Cooper got another versatile character when he later negotiated the transfer of Aiden McCaffery from Derby County. Aiden was usually a centre-back in his earlier Newcastle days but he has already turned out in defence and midfield for Rovers.

Another problem for Mr Cooper concerns the future of midfield player Gary Mabbutt whose form has attracted many bigger clubs and whose ambition it is to play in the First Division. If Mabbutt maintains his progress it would seem inevitable that he will eventually leave Eastville and the one consolation for the club is that the huge fee they would receive would enable them to sign an experienced replacement if he was needed.

Early results suggest that Rovers may well find themselves involved in another long struggle against relegation. Last season, when they failed to win any of their final six games, it was the failures of others that saved them.

This season they didn't manage a win in any of their opening five League and Cup games. They drew both League Cup encounters with Exeter in the first round, and won the tie on penalties. They were then held 1-1 at home by Orient in the League before crashing 0-4 at Q.P.R. That was a match in which they had to play in patched up kit following the fire.

"The important thing was," said Mr Cooper. "We managed to salvage the players' boots."

The eagerly-awaited derby match at Bristol City, who were relegated from the First Division this year, ended in a goalless draw. The disappointment about that game was the modest crowd — only 16,937 for the first meeting of the clubs in League soccer for more than four years.

It is now six years since Rovers returned to the Second Division but, because they have been unable to command a very large support, they have been forced to sell some of their best players in order to survive. In December 1978 they sold striker Paul Randall to Stoke for £180,000. One or two others have been sold for more modest sums until today they must start thinking about their heavy ground commitments and consider whether the time will soon be ripe to sell another rising star, Gary Mabbutt, to raise some of the cash they will require.

MARTIN THOMAS (Goalkeeper). Martin is a Welsh under-21 international who graduated through the Rovers junior teams to make his League bow in January 1977. He has been a first-team regular for the past three seasons.

DON GILLIES (Defender). Don was signed from neighbouring Bristol City for £50,000 this summer. A versatile player who can play well in defence or attack, Don is a former Scottish under-23 international. He left Morton for Bristol City for £30,000 in 1973.

PHIL BATER (Defender). Phil developed in the Rovers' nursery and turned professional in October 1973. He made his League bow in 1974 and has been a member of the defence for much of the time since.

MARK HUGHES (defender). Mark served his apprenticeship at Eastville and is one of the latest players to emerge in the first-team. He is expected to be in the defence today.

TERRY COOPER (Defender). Terry, now Rovers' player-manager, was England's left-back on 20 occasions in his Leeds' days. He moved to Middlesbrough for £50,000 in 1975 and then joined Bristol City for £20,000 three years later. He joined Rovers in the 1979 close-season.

AIDEN McCAFFERY (Midfield/Defender). Aiden served his apprenticeship with Newcastle and gained England youth honours while at St. James Park. He made 59 League appearances for the club before moving to Derby in 1978. Bristol Rovers signed him on the eve of this new season.

GARY MABBUTT (Midfield). Though it is only some 20 months since Gary made his debut in Rovers' first-team, he has become a major target for bigger clubs. A midfield player of great potential, he has been placed in the £500,000 bracket in transfer talks.

GARY EMMANUEL (Midfield). Rovers paid a then club record fee of £50,000 to sign Gary from Birmingham two seasons ago. He learned his game at Birmingham, for whom he made his League debut in 1974/75.

STEWART BARROWCLOUGH (Midfield). Rovers paid a club record £100,000 to sign Stewart from Birmingham during the summer of 1979. Once with Barnsley, he moved to Newcastle in 1970 and became an England u-23 cap. Birmingham paid £140,000 for him in 1978.

SHAUN PENNY (Forward). Shaun scored 11 goals in only 8 games for England schoolboys and then joined Bristol City. He didn't get into their League eleven but a transfer to Rovers for £13,000 in 1979 enabled him to make his League bow last season when he scored nine goals.

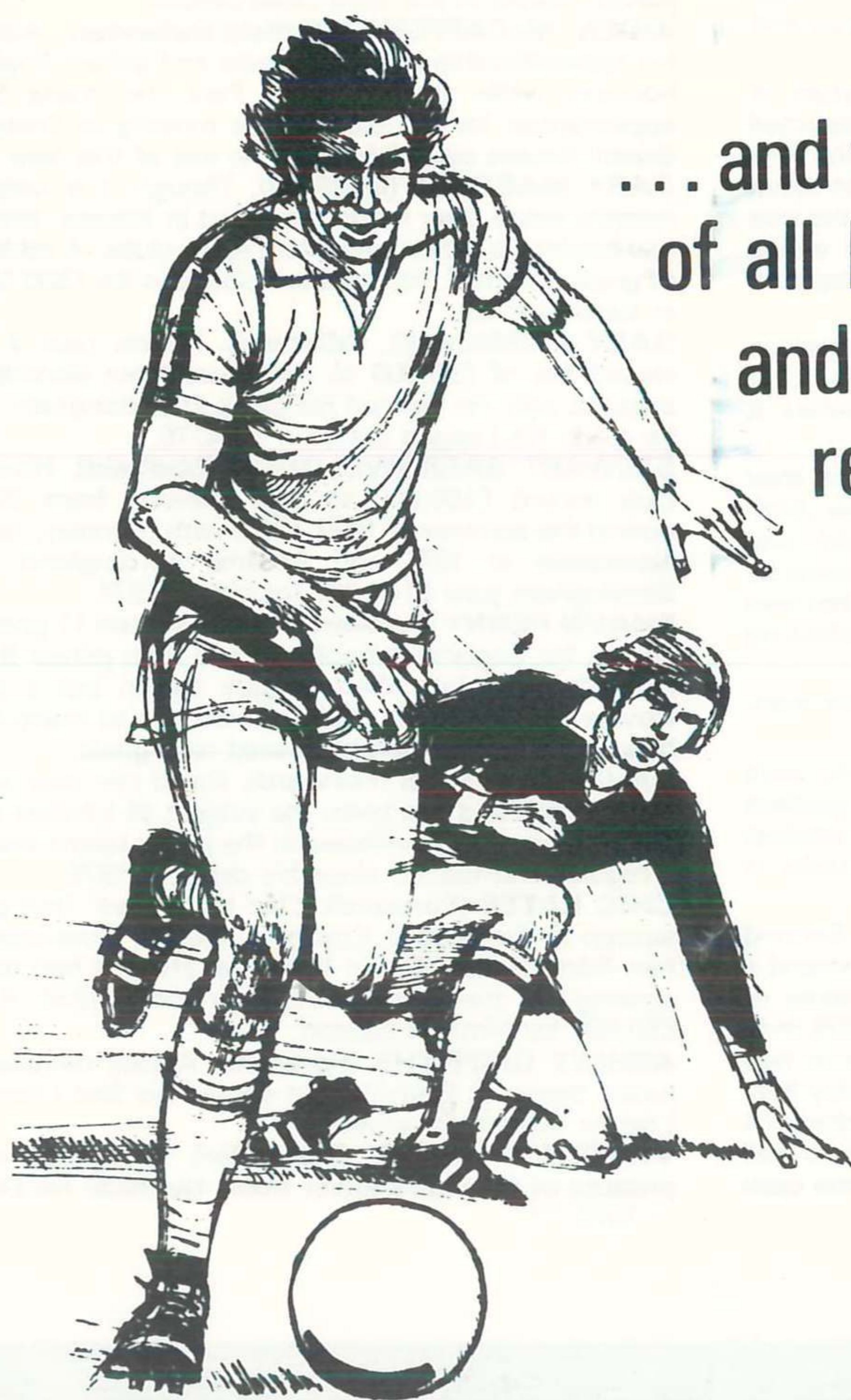
DAVID WILLIAMS (Forward). David can play at left-back or in attack and has been the subject of transfer interest by bigger clubs. He developed in the junior teams and has been a regular first-teamer since his debut in 1975.

CHIC BATES (Forward). Chic hit Rovers' first goal of the season in the League Cup tie at Exeter. Shrewsbury signed him from Stourbridge in 1974 and, after he had topped their scoring list, they sold him to Swindon in 1978. Rovers paid £50,000 for him last season.

ASHLEY GRIFFITHS (Forward). Ashley developed in the junior teams at Eastville and earned his first chance in their League eleven last season.

VAUGHAN JONES (Defender). Vaughan is another product of the club's junior sides. He made his League bow in 1976/77.

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Club Scene

THERE wasn't a happier man at Burnden Park on Monday than 19 years old David Hoggan who was given the news of his selection for the Scotland Under 21 squad for Tuesday's match in Sweden on Tuesday.

"I'm flabbergasted. I just can't believe it," was David's reaction when told of the call-up.

The honour comes David's way after only three League appearances for the Wanderers, but it was his performance against Crystal Palace in the League Cup at Burnden last week that caught the eye of Scotland team manager Jock Stein.

And David, who celebrated his 19th birthday last month, never even knew Stein was in the crowd until he was told by his girlfriend after the match.

David's abilities have not gone unnoticed in the past. He has played in the Scottish Youth trials.

But his recent performances in midfield that have won him a well-earned call.

After last Saturday's game at Derby, Stan Anderson was full of praise for the youngster who came to Burnden on leaving school.

"He looked as good as anyone out there," was Stan's verdict.

Like many others before him, David came through the ranks of the junior and reserve sides at Burnden and judging by the way results have been going so far this season, there are more good players in the pipeline.

The 'A' team currently sit on top of the Lancashire League with maximum points from their three games, having beaten Manchester United 'A' 5-2, Liverpool 'A' 3-1 and Morecambe Reserves 4-2.

The 'B' team have also made a promising start, beating Burnley 'A' 2-0, Manchester United 'B' 3-0 before losing out 3-1 at home to Liverpool 'B'.

Anyone wishing to follow the progress of the two junior sides can see them in action in home games at the Bromwich Street grounds. Home games on Saturdays kick off at 2pm.

'A' team games in September include: 13th — Oldham Athletic Res (away); 20th — Morecambe Res (home); 27th Liverpool 'A' (away).

'B' team: 13th Oldham Athletic 'B' (KO Comp) (home); 20th — Blackburn Rovers 'A' (home); 27th — Liverpool 'B' (away).

CAN anyone help in tracking down a Wanderers programme for Mr Frank Campbell, secretary of Queen's Park FC, Scotland?

Mr Campbell was at a pre-season friendly here at Burnden Park between Wanderers and local rivals Preston North End on July 29th, 1972 and unfortunately arrived late at the ground and was unable to buy a programme.

He is not an avid programme collector, but Mr Campbell always likes to have a programme for every match he sees and has written to the club asking for assistance.

Can you help? If so pass the programme onto the Wanderers who will be sure Mr Campbell receives it.

NOTICE TO TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERS

Members of the Wanderers Travel Club who wish to travel to away games are advised to book their places at least a week before the match day to be sure of getting a seat.

There has been an increased demand for places this season and many fans are trying to book places on the last minute only to be disappointed.

The trips are well organised with stewards on each coach and fans can be sure of following the Wanderers in comfort and safety.

But remember — Book early.

B INTERNATIONAL FIXTURE ENGLAND v UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The above match, which is the first to be played between the two Countries on English soil, will take place at Old Trafford, on Wednesday the 14th of October at 7.45pm.

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IS FOOTBALL PRICING THE FANS AWAY?



SHEFFIELD UNITED general manager Harry Haslam thinks it is high time we stepped back and counted the cost of football in this country.

"In two years time what will be the price of admission into football grounds," he asks. "I don't know the answer, all I can say is that it is shooting up very rapidly and there has to be a halt somewhere.

"If we can't stop it then there is going to be a shortage of footballers, because like any industry we will have to cut our cloth to suit our purse and if gates slump it will be a case of trimming the overheads and the number of players engaged. Whether that will be good for the game or not I do not know, but it will happen.

"Everything we do in football will have to be changed. The game has become so clinical, with regards to business, clinical as regards success and all the time nine tenths of your work is looking ahead, the other tenth you are looking behind. It is unfortunate sometimes when you don't have time to look back, there is always the chance you have missed something or forgotten something.

REJECT

"That is the way the game is geared. We just have to ensure that we do not lose sight of the public's requirements. I just believe that if the price of admission continues to rise and rise, then in the end the public will reject the game because they simply cannot afford it.

"I know hooliganism is blamed a lot for keeping families away but I think prices also have a big bearing on the drop in attendances.

"If a man comes from twenty miles away, it costs him for his petrol, a £1 for parking, 30p for a programme, plus the cost of a seat, and at the end of the day, it is going to cost around £8 to come to a football match. And I don't think that helps to attract new customers.

"When I was a boy it was so cheap to get in that you could come with dad and dad would bring you. But dad is now looking at the expense and thinking twice. I don't blame him, no way do I blame him, any more than I blame the clubs. What I am saying is that there must be some other way of levelling off the balance of payments."

LIVERPOOL

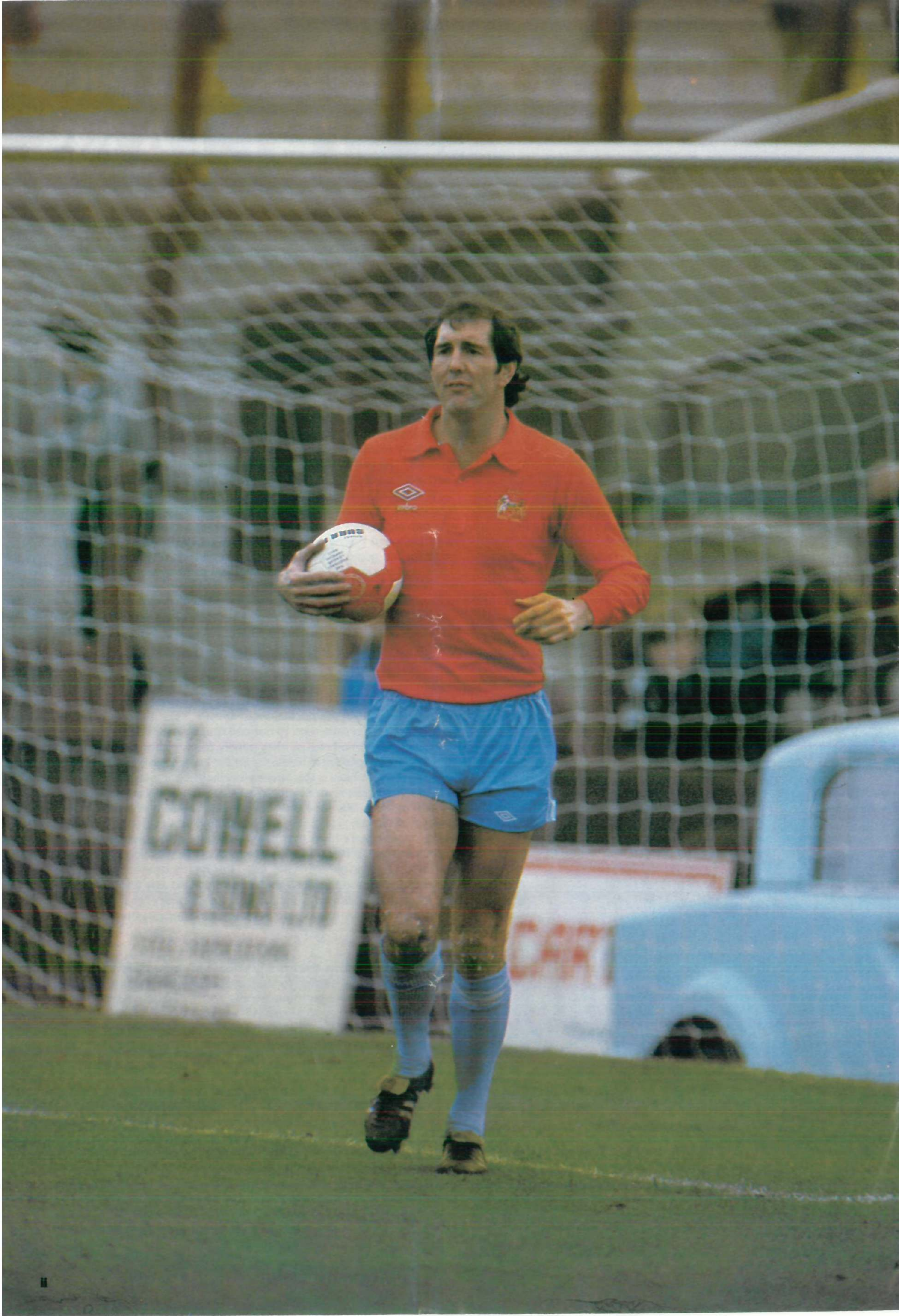
Does Mr. Haslam think there is any value in adopting a sliding scale of admission charges, similar to that adopted in the theatre. In other words it would cost you more for the seat to watch Liverpool than Chesterfield.

"There is a possibility there," he agrees but it is fraught with all sorts of problems. He continued: "We must not lose sight of the fact that football is an industry and I think we will have to go a lot deeper than that.

"You see Liverpool are a good example. They have been extremely successful, yet their takings on the gate are low compared to many clubs because their price structure is low. The John Doves of this world can afford to go, even if they are out of work.

"It is very funny that the most successful club charges the cheapest admission. Do the crowds flock to Anfield because Liverpool are an exceptional team, or do they go there because they can afford it? That is something that somebody is one day going to have to define.

"If tomorrow Liverpool suddenly doubled their prices, what would be the gate then? I think this is a very important point and that a lot of thought ought to be given to the subject."



JOE CORRIGAN

A SHINING EXAMPLE

If ever you needed to draw a youngsters attention to a perfect professional, then you could do no better than point out Manchester City and England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan, as a shining example.

Big Joe, at 6'4½" is an impressive figure physically, yet it is his mental approach and attitude towards his job, that places him a cut above the rest. For Joe Corrigan has established himself as England's number three by sheer hard work and dedication.

"I worked very hard on my game and it is because of all the extra graft and determination to get it right that I am where I am today," he confirms. "But it has not all been down to me, a lot of people have helped.

"The difficult thing now is to try and maintain the standard I have achieved over the past four or five years. It is purely a case of working, working, working. Once you have reached the pinnacle it is even more difficult to stay there, especially after a season like we had at Maine Road last year.

"No matter how well prepared you think you are, you start to question your own ability when things go wrong. Whether the goals conceded are your fault or not, if you have done your best and still had four hit past you, it does not do your confidence a lot of good."

Off the field, Joe is a likeable amiable man, but put him between the posts and he is a determined and aggressive performer, who even gets upset with himself when he is beaten in a training session.

PERFECTION

"That is right," says Joe. "You have got to seek perfection. Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence are just the same. I think that most goalkeepers are like that. It is such a specialised position that you have got to be annoyed about anything that goes in. Even if you had no chance with the shot. This is what makes you push yourself harder still."

For such a dedicated professional it must be frustrating to work so hard and still find that his international career is somewhat thwarted by the presence of probably the two best goalkeepers in the world, Shilton and Clemence?

His reply is typical of his outlook on life: "First of all I am just very happy to be

considered for the England squad. Of course it is a little frustrating to be around at the same time as those two fellows, but I do not consider myself as the number three choice.

"You just have to wait for your chance and hope you do your best when you do get in. I have had two caps in the last seven games and I did quite well in both matches and that is what Mr. Greenwood wants throughout the squad.

OPTIMISM

"As long as we don't let him down, do our job and remain involved, there is no reason why you can't look to the future with optimism.

"All I can do now is keep myself tuned, both mentally and physically in case I am called up. It is not quite the same as playing in the League, continental sides seem to be a lot more accurate when it comes to finishing. They hit the target more often than English players.

"You don't usually have that much to do in an international match, but if it is against a foreign side, you have to beware of their shooting power which is normally on target. Here we get a lot of shooting from outside and inside the box, but the majority of it is off target.

"I did not really notice the difference until Kevin Keegan and Tony Woodcock went to Germany. Both players improved their finishing technique considerably, and now every time they get a volley or a header in, it is usually on goal. I definitely believe that this aspect of our game needs careful consideration by our coaches. We just have to concentrate a lot more on our finishing.

"The continentals build up is much slower than ours, but then a midfield player or a defender will penetrate into the penalty box and finish. Here we favour a quick build up into the danger zone, then fail to finish it off. We are better than them in a lot of aspects, but finishing is the one vital area in which we fall down badly."

Of course from a purely selfish point of view, Joe Corrigan and the rest of the goalkeeping fraternity don't mind this weak link in our game. It certainly makes their job a lot easier. But being the true professionals they are, they are as anxious as everyone else to see English football rule the world.

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TALKS FOOTBALL

There was a lot of publicity given to the fact that Cesar Luis Menotti did not pick me for the Argentine national side that played against England at Wembley last May.

It might sound funny, but in truth I was not really disappointed that I was left out. Obviously I love to play and want to play for my country, it is the highest honour a player can achieve, but I did not want to play against England.

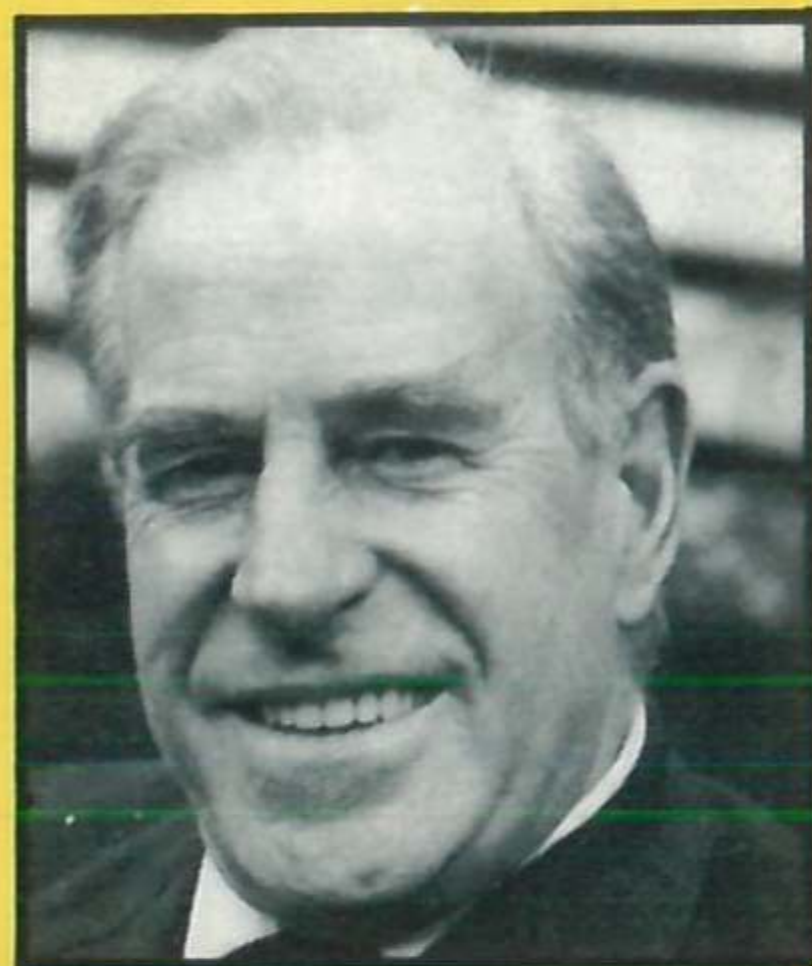
I want to play for the world champions, who wouldn't but I would rather play against any other nation than England, not because I am afraid of them, but simply because I am playing here and would prefer not to play competitive football against my friends, people like Glenn Hoddle.

It is very difficult to explain to you in words how I really felt. Deep down I wanted to play for my country but I agreed with Cesar Menotti that it was not a good idea to play at Wembley and given the choice I would prefer to play against other teams.

Menotti is the man that has had the greatest influence on my game and I respect him enormously. He has stated that I will be considered for the World Cup squad together with other Argentine exiles such as Mario Kempes who is now with the Spanish club Valencia. Of course I hope to be part of the team that defends the World Cup in Spain and what's more I think that we will have a very good chance of retaining the trophy.

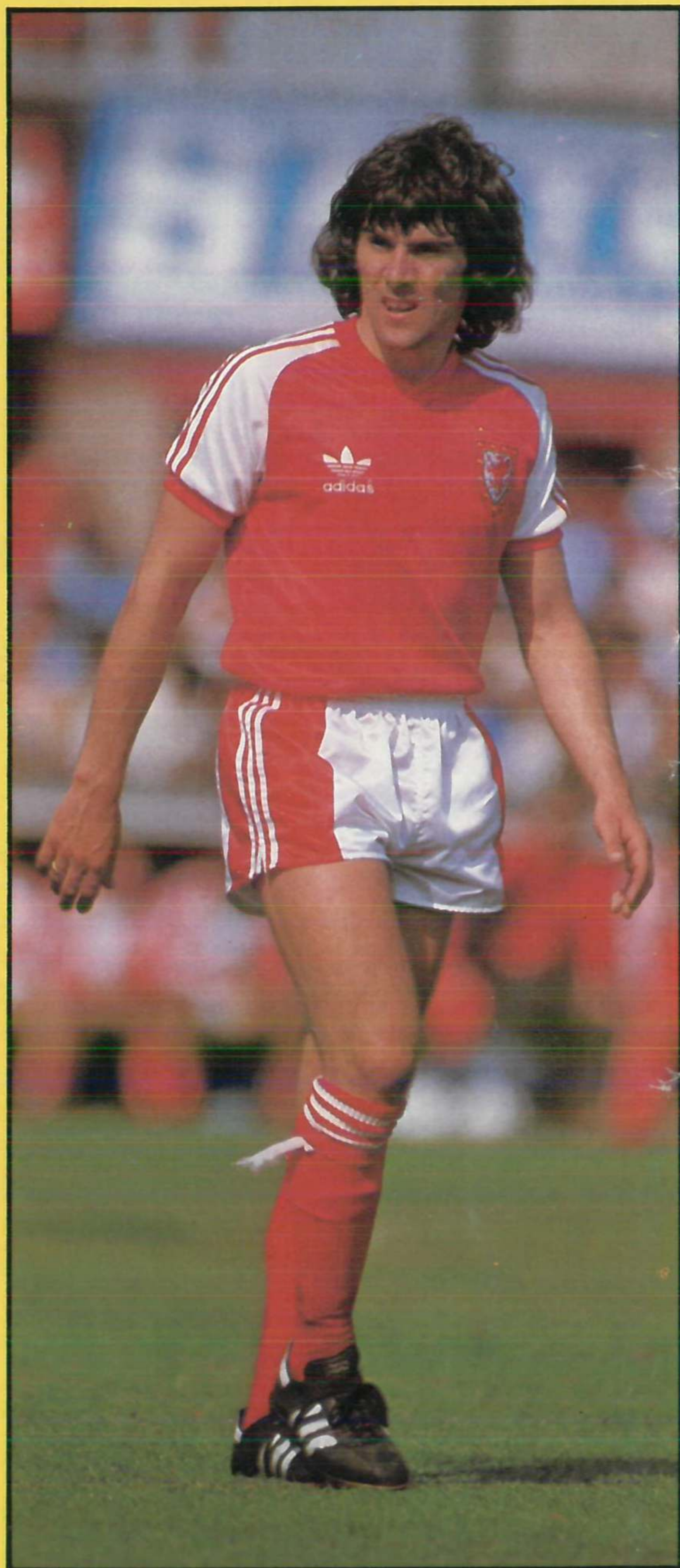
You know I think the conditions in Spain will suit us and that our strongest opposition will come from Brazil, a team that should never be underestimated. From Europe the main challengers will I think be West Germany and one other country. It could be England, I don't know, but you certainly have the players to do it.





THE WELSH REVOLUTION

By Bernard Joy



The rise of Swansea and Wrexham gives Wales high hopes that they may soon provide a club to the First Division for the first time since Cardiff were relegated 18 years ago. The foundations of these clubs are solid enough to banish the fear that their improvement is a flash in the pan like that of Hereford who are back in the Fourth Division after a meteoric jump into the Second.

Another encouraging sign for the Principality is the emergence of Newport who were in danger of being voted out of the League — and of existence — when they had to seek re-election for the ninth time in 1976. Under Colin Addison and later Len Ashurst the ground was transformed with neat stands, concrete terraces and a fine gymnasium. Last season they won not only promotion but also the Welsh Cup which gave them entry into the European Cup Winners' Cup alongside giants Benfica, Celtic, Feyenoord, Roma and West Ham.

Wrexham were quietly established as a power by John Neal — now managing Middlesbrough — and Arfon Griffiths, the former Wales midfield player. The signing of internationals Dai Davies, Joey Jones and David Giles gave authority to the club who reached the Second Division for the first time three seasons ago.

For thirty years Swansea, one of the most fertile areas for young talent, exported players. The list is breathtaking — John and Mel Charles, Cliff Jones,

DAVID GILES — Swansea City's Welsh International

Trevor Ford, Ivor and Len Allchurch, Terry Medwin, Roy Paul. Even Italian international striker Giorgio Chinaglia of New York Cosmos! Although Alan Curtis moved to Leeds for £400,000 a year ago, the drain has been largely stopped since the advent of John Toshack 2½ years ago. Jeremy Charles — of the famous Charles family — and Robbie James were but two of the local-born players happy to stay at Vetch Field.

Toshack, the tall, aimiable Liverpool forward, brought a revivalist atmosphere to the club who nearly folded up four years before. A few weeks after he joined, Swansea climbed out of the Fourth Division. He brought in former Anfield colleagues Ian Callaghan, Phil Boersma, Alan Waddle and Tommy Smith, not because they were old buddies, but because he knew their capabilities. He shrewdly exploited Welsh fervour by signing Welshmen Leighton James, John Mahoney, Leighton Phillips and Glen Letheren. During the summer Toshack went further afield to buy Yugoslav back Dzemat Hadziabdic for £160,000.

He made the club more professional. A training ground was found, new match and training kit obtained and the entire organisation was put on a first-class footing. Tactics varied according to the opposition and Toshack himself often played as a sweeper.

Both Wrexham and Swansea reached the fifth round of the FA Cup last season, while Cardiff, for so long the senior Welsh club, responded to the challenge from their fellow-countrymen. They bestirred themselves under manager Richie Morgan, and former international sprinter Ron Jones was lured from QPR to be their general manager.

The situation in the Principality is in stark contrast to three seasons ago when Cardiff were the only representative in the Second Division and then they escaped relegation by merely one point.

DAI DAVIES — the former Everton goakeeper who is now in immaculate form for Wrexham and his country.

The optimism is shared by former Spurs centre-half Mike England who accepted a drop of £20,000 a year in salary to return from U.S. to manage Wales. He firmly believes Wales can qualify for the World Cup finals, even though Russia and Czechoslovakia are in their group. His hopes were raised by the 4-1 defeat of England in May, although Wales went down to Scotland and Ireland during the following week.

He claims "Wales are already respected throughout the world. It's my job to make still greater progress and I have some of the finest players in Britain to help me."





ENGLAND OPEN WITH NORWAY

This month England embark on the long winding road that it is hoped will eventually end up at the World Cup Final tournament, to be staged in Spain in 1982.

On paper, Ron Greenwood's collection of stars should have little difficulty overcoming their Group four rivals: Hungary, Switzerland, Rumania and Norway, particularly as two teams from the group will qualify. Yet as we all know, football moves in mysterious ways and not even the most confident of sides can be sure of success.

For one thing it is never easy playing Eastern Bloc nations, a fact England learned to their cost in 1973. Do you remember that fateful June afternoon in Chorzow, when Bobby Moore, of all people, made a desperate error that let Poland in for a simple goal? The Poles went on to beat us 2-0 and then earn a 1-1 draw at Wembley. England were out of the World Cup.

Looking at this particular group it must be agreed that Rumania perhaps do not have the resources of that Polish side, but Hungary who qualified for the finals in Argentina and were a little unfortunate to lose to the home nation, certainly do have the tradition of resources to come up with world class sides.

Switzerland also should not be dismissed as easy opponents. They have managed draws on their last two visits to Wembley, in 1971 in the European Championship and 1977, emphasising their ability to stop other sides scoring. And let's face it, we have never been too successful against these tactics.

It is perhaps fortunate that after our disappointing chapter in Italy last June, we should now renew our competitive commitments with a home fixture against the weakest member of the group, Norway. For if ever there was a time when a good result was required to expunge those memories, it is now.

DEFENCE

Mind you even Norway's amateurs will be no pushover. They will come to Wembley with one concern, to keep the scoreline respectable. And providing their organisation is good they could well do just that. Many pundits will be mindful of the way little Denmark frustrated us in their European Championship qualifier just twelve months prior. A solitary goal from Kevin Keegan was all that separated the teams on the result sheet.

For England team manager Ron Greenwood, it is a case of picking up the pieces and persevering with his trusted methods. For him, the debacle in Italy was but a nasty hic-up in a method that appeared to be boiling towards fruition following convincing performances against Spain and Argentina in May. Alas the pot came to the boil too quickly and the major ingredients proved a little off, but you do not scrap the recipe because the cooking is bad.

"Our objective now," says Greenwood, "is to qualify for the World Cup finals. The pattern of the England team will

not change. It will basically follow that which set itself out against Spain and Argentina."

After much self analysis Mr. Greenwood is now sure that he was on the right track. He told me: "It did not work in Italy because key players like Trevor Brooking, Tony Woodcock and Kevin Keegan, did not play up to their standards."

As for criticism he explained: "We could not change the pattern because both our alternative wingers, Laurie Cunningham and Peter Barnes, were not on form.

"Laurie is a bit of an enigma. We don't see a lot of him, because of the restrictions implemented by his club, Real Madrid. But before the European Championship finals he complained to me, that he was feeling very tired, so I did not include him in the squad.

HOPE

"Also Peter Barnes was sadly below his form last season. But if he can recapture the form he showed when he first joined the England squad, then there will definitely be a place for him."

One can almost detect a note of hope in Ron Greenwood's voice as he says this, because the England boss has always preferred to field a line-up including two wingers.

Manchester United's Steve Coppell has provided the width on the right and has done sterling service. But Steve is more of a worker than an imaginative extrovert who can destroy the opposition with one explosive burst.

England need players with magic in their boots, artists such as Barnes and Cunningham, if we are to do well in Spain. But they must first prove that they can be consistent and so their form over the next two years will be scrutinised very closely.

As to changing the structure of the England side, Mr. Greenwood comments: "Some of the newcomers might give us a new dimension in the next couple of years, but I can not see anybody emerging to make an impact on the international scene, in the very near future."

So it looks like the England squad will have a familiar ring about it over the next two seasons. I would however like to see Tottenham Hotspur's Glenn Hoddle given an extensive run at this level. There is no question that he is one of the most gifted talents in the land, and while I appreciate that he does not apply himself as well as expected, there can be no substitute for natural ability.

MIDFIELD PLAYERS?

England badly need players of flair, skilled technicians who can adapt and improvise during the course of a game. West Germany showed this to the full in the European Championships. The big man up front, Horst Hrubesch, for example was far more than just a central striker, while Karl-Heinz Rummenigge caused all sorts of problems with his runs to the flanks.

BY COLIN BENSON



Steve Coppell of Manchester United who has played so well for England on the right. Who will partner him this season?

We do of course have players capable of doing this, Trevor Francis, Tony Woodcock and Kevin Keegan, on their day as good as any, but I feel that our greatest problem is finding good all round midfield players who can impress their skills at the highest level.

Whether we will ever unearth an English, Bernd Schuster, only time will tell. In the meantime, England's pre-occupation is centred on opening their account with Norway, a nation with an undistinguished football pedigree, who usually find themselves propping up the Scandinavian Championship.

A team without stars, their most accomplished performer is centre-back Aas who now plays for Bayern Munich, but that does not mean that England will take them lightly.

Ron Greenwood spells out what is required when he says: "What we have to do is make sure we score the goals against them, and put them in their place. We will certainly respect them, one has to respect a side that was beating Scotland 2-1 at Hampden Park until a few minutes from the end. We have no illusions, Norway will be difficult to break down but it is important that we achieve good results in our home games, and that will be our objective at Wembley."

Scotland & N.Ireland can make it

Scotland and Northern Ireland are together in group six with Sweden, Portugal and Israel and while it would be nice if both home countries qualified there is always the danger that they might beat each other and leave the way clear for another pair to go through.

The Scots are down at the moment and Jock Stein looks like having to call on every last ounce of his vast managerial experience to halt the slump. They failed to overcome Portugal in the European Championship qualifying games and Sweden, if they can call on their various star performers with German clubs, will also pose a threat.

Northern Ireland's success in the Home International series — Champions in their centenary year — should not be underestimated. They're a team of fighters and could well win through for first time since 1958.

For Wales the going looks like being tough. New boss Mike England should not be kidded by the 4-1 win over England and must admit it will take a giant-sized effort to qualify from a group that also includes Czechoslovakia, Russia, Turkey and Iceland.

The same applies to the often underrated Republic of Ireland side now under the management of Eoin Hand, the former Portsmouth defender. They're in group two with Holland, Belgium, France and Cyprus.

I still feel that had Belgium been a bit more adventurous in Italy they might have snatched the European Championship from West Germany. Defensively they are strong and in striker Jan Ceulemans they had one of the stars of an average tournament.

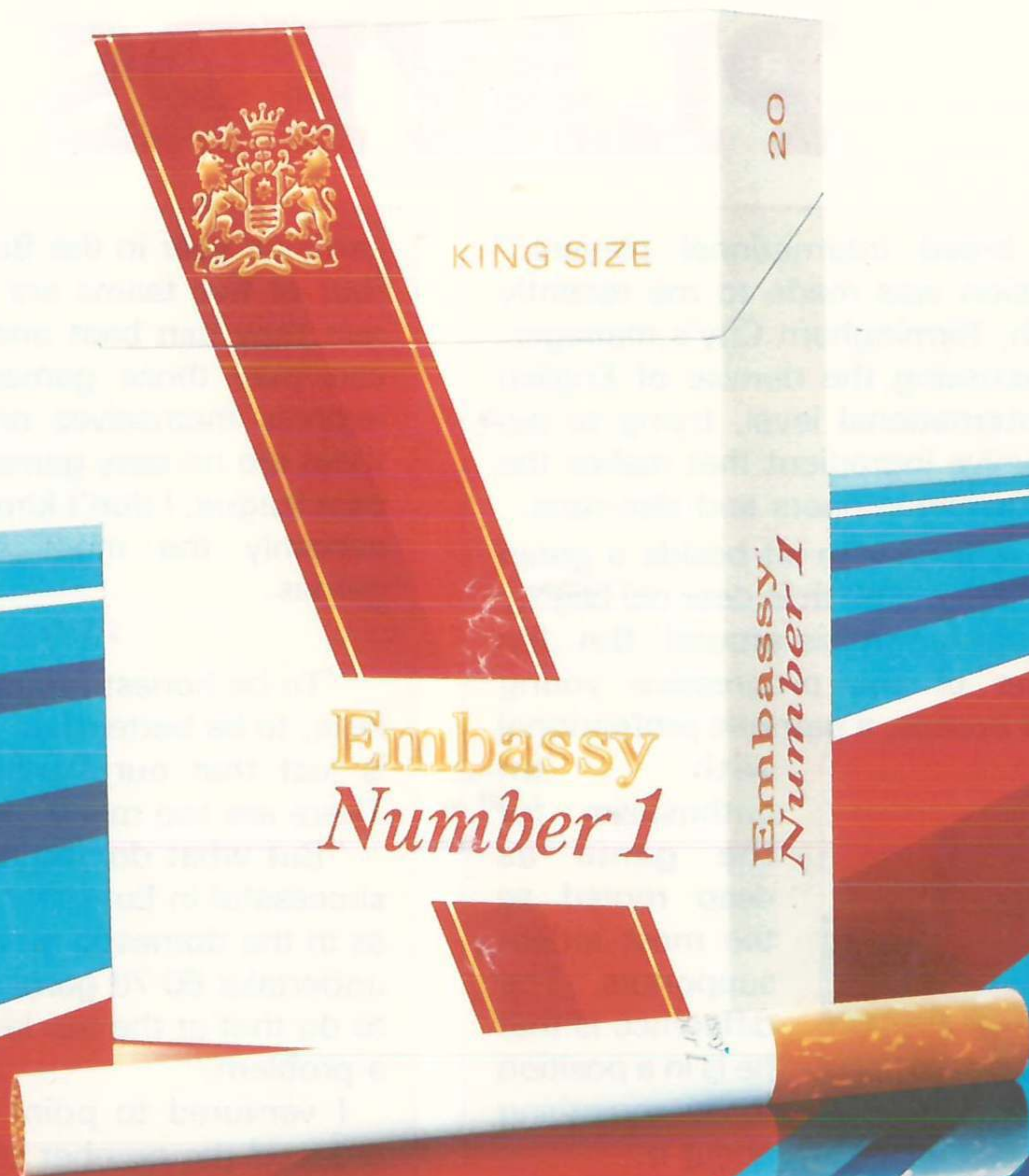
There is intense rivalry between Holland and Belgium and being paired together yet again in a major contest is sure to add spice to their clashes. France were entertaining in Argentina two years ago and Cyprus, it must be said, should just be making up the numbers.

GLENN HODDLE



Glenn Hoddle. Will Tottenham's gifted star make the England shirt his own this season?

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WE DON'T BREED INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

"We don't breed international players." That submission was made to me recently by Jim Smith, Birmingham City's manager. We were discussing the demise of English football at international level, trying to pin point that elusive ingredient that makes the difference between winners and also-rans.

Of course it is easy to sit beside a green and pleasant training pitch in dear old blighty and toss verbal prognosis around. But Jim Smith is one of the progressive young generation of bosses, a patriotic professional



Jim Smith Birmingham City manager.

with an enthusiasm for the game as deep rooted as the most ardent supporters. The difference is that he is in a position to do something about it.

So what Mr. Smith and other managers like him think, is of the utmost importance. For they are the ones who will fashion the games future.

I suggested to the Birmingham City boss, who led his team back to the First Division last spring, that the reason we do not produce international players is because of our safety first system?

"I am sure you are right," was the immediate reply. "One of the advantages the Germans have is that the Hamburg's only have to save themselves for eight

games a year in the Bundesliga. The top four or five teams are their only worry, the rest they can beat and they know it. They can play those games with freedom and express themselves on the field. But here there are no easy games. We say ours is the best league, I don't know about that, but it is certainly the most competitive over 42 games.

PROBLEMS

"To be honest I think we have the players here, to be better than anybody in Europe. It is just that our system holds them back. There are too many games for a start.

"But what do you do? If you want to be successful in European competitions as well as in the domestic programme, you have to undertake 60-70 games a year. And having to do that at the top level will always remain a problem."

I ventured to point out that even if we reduced the number of games to be played in the League each season, they would all remain highly competitive. The fear of losing would still predominate the issue and managers would continue to forfeit the adventurous approach, in favour of a more conservative and defensive policy.

Did Jim Smith feel restricted and not free to play the game the way he would really like to see it?

"I am restricted because of the system of getting points," he admitted. "You have to put quite a bit of emphasis on the discipline of your side on the pitch, if you are to achieve results. But at the same time I would also like to think that we can influence and encourage our players to express their

ability, show their flair, and take people on, providing it is done in the right area of the field."

CAUTION

There we are again, that safety first attitude is always there under the surface waiting to spring out like a speed cop on the M6.

Mr. Smith hit back quickly: "The Germans are as rigid and disciplined as anybody," he pointed out. "What gives them the edge is that they have certain individuals who can explode and attack teams. This is what we have got to develop.

"We must encourage midfield players to get forward more, rather than sitting behind the ball playing it and playing it. I would like to see a few more players getting forward in front of the ball. But then English teams are so well organised at the back, they are waiting for you to do just that. Then they win the ball and play it back behind you into the space you have left. It is a difficult decision to make. You have to be a brave manager to adopt a system that leaves you vulnerable like that.

"But I do agree. It is down to managers and coaches, because there are players who can express themselves, and it is up to us to foster their inventiveness within the framework of the team."

Looking him straight in the eyes I asked Jim, how much he did to pursue these thoughts?

"Well I don't think you can coach a player to be expressive and explosive, he must have the natural ability. If he has got that then it is our job to develop it and not knock it out of him.

"You need to have players in the side who can cover the players who push up. Although you are not going to have eleven explosive players, we must encourage them to be more attack conscious and I honestly do believe there has been a leaning towards this style over the past eighteen months.

"I am sure we can thank Ron Greenwood for that. Since he became the England team manager he has tried to promote attacking play, and you know, the national side tends to set the standard for the rest to follow."

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HOLDING THE FORT

By Robin Katz

'Holding the Fort', ITV's contraversial new autumn comedy, is certain to be a talking point. It's the story of a young couple with a six month old baby, financial problems and job insecurity. That situation is common enough.

But in this series it's Dad who finds it financially beneficial to stay home and mind the baby while starting his own brewery in the basement. It's mum who has the better paying job in the Army. So, she goes back to work. And he's left, uh, you guessed it, holding the fort.

What's pleasing about the new show is that it's not just a role reversal for the enterprising T.V. couple. It's also a change of pace for the drama stars, Peter Davison and Patricia Hodge. Davison is best known as Trister Farnon in 'All Creatures Great and Small' while Ms. Hodge became a household name as Phyllida Trant in 'Rumpole of The Bailey' and as 'Lady Diana Cooper' in 'Edward and Mrs. Simpson'.

Neither had extensive experience in comedy, the rigors of Army life or handling a baby before this series. And in next week's episode of the show, Patricia Hodge goes on a genuine Army assault course.

'We went to Aldershot' explained Ms Hodge 'There was an assault course for the paratroop airborne regiment. I jumped into a uniform with No. 62 on it. And from that moment on, the Commanding Officer spoke to me as if I were part of the team. I didn't get away with anything. I shimmied up a wall, went under a fence of barbed wire, ran along planks until I gathered enough speed and threw myself at a rope net. I was quite frightened when we approached the death slide. But then I didn't think they would let me do something unless they felt I could do it. So I put myself in the hands of the commanding officer. I just obeyed as he barked out the orders, "Climb up, don't look down". He was incredibly efficient. And the death slide was a wonderful



PETER DAVISON AND PATRICIA HODGE

experience. I felt like I was flying.'

For Peter Davison, the new series means playing an exuberant Arsenal fan. In reality, Davison is a firm Crystal Palace supporter. He's also an active cricket player.

'I play on Vic Lewis' team along with people like Chris Blake, Tom Adams, Malcolm McDonald and Fred Titmus. This season my average has been about 28. But last season, I ended with a great day. I scored a match saving 27 by getting two straight six in a row. I got one over the Pavillion.' Davison grins broadly at the memory.

"One of the biggest challenges for both of us" reports Hodge "is getting used to performing before a live audience. Unlike drama, there's much less time to rehearse and you need to be on your toes quite a bit. In the last couple of shows, the baby stole the scenes and got one of the biggest laughs. You learn to play the scenes with instinct."

"But I love the idea of a role where a woman has as much of a role to play as the man in the series. She concluded "Too often the male lead gets the clever lines while the wife role involves a lot of whining. In this show, there are plenty of good lines for us both."

And now its down to the T.V. viewers to decide if there are enough good lines to make the first big score of the new T.V. season.

BENNO

Colin Benson's world of soccer

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As I have mentioned previously in these columns, most of the suggestions proposed in the Football League Secretaries, Managers and coaches Association charter for the future of football, provide a shot in the arm for a very precarious industry.

There is however one proposal which slightly mystifies me, that to dispense with the red and yellow card system now employed by referees to confirm their actions.

I understand from people close to the committee who undertook the investigations that the general consensus of opinion was that this system was perfect for international matches where there was a language barrier, but on the domestic field it was quite unnecessary.

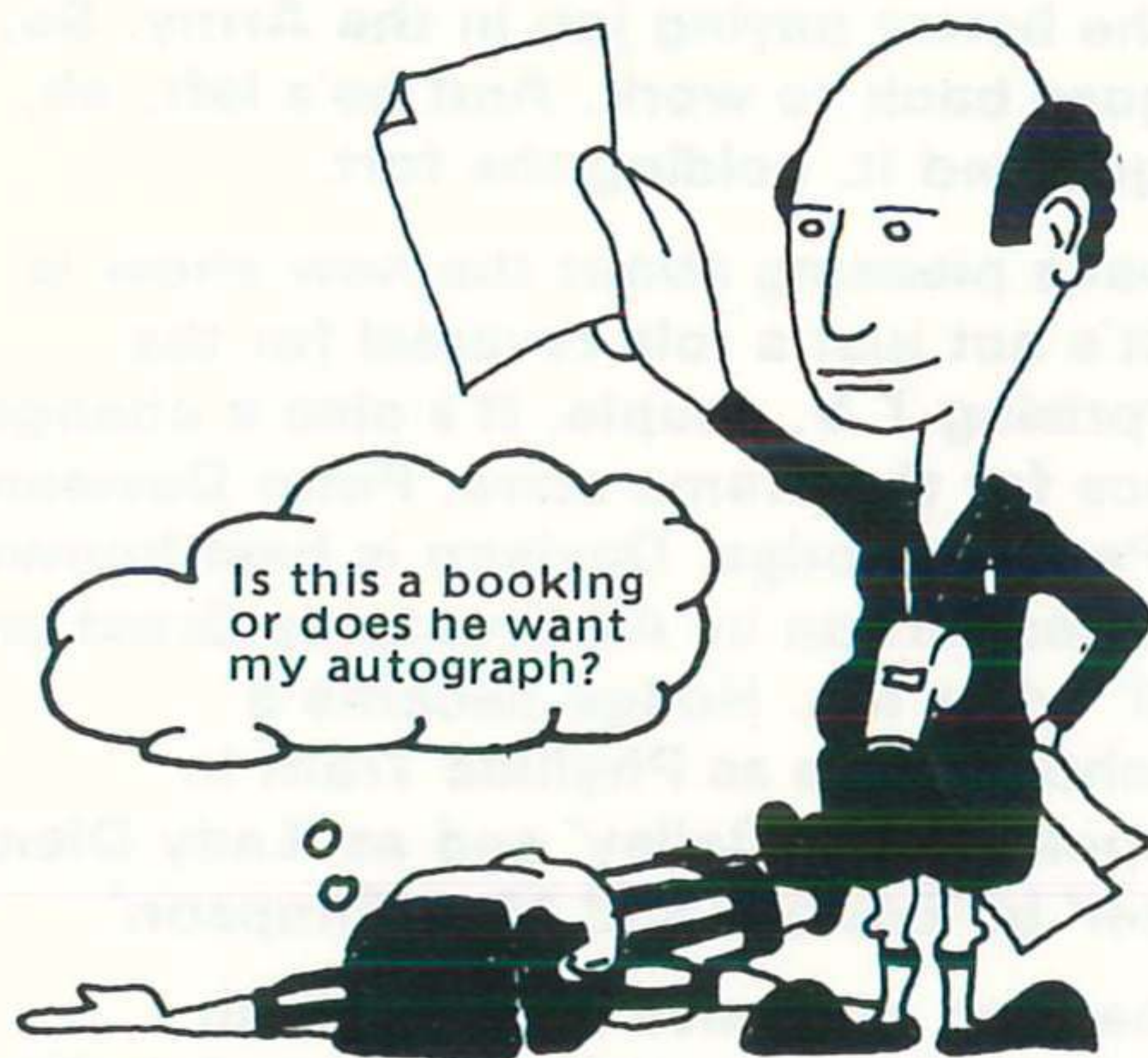
One official told me that all it did was to add to the showmanship of the game, a point I for one do not subscribe to. Of course I see their point when they suggest that cautions and sending offs should be done discreetly, but how I ask you can such actions remain discreet in front of thirty thousand people. No, I feel that the card system is of some value to the sport. Firstly it makes it quite clear to all concerned, players, officials and fans, what action has been taken, and secondly justice is not only done, but seen to be done.

Football authorities should not lose sight of the fact that professional football survives on spectators. Communication between fans and the clubs is scant enough without them depriving them of a media by which they can be kept fully in the picture.

IT'S A FACT — Seen entering the Highbury Stadium prior to Arsenal's opening home game against Southampton, was a gentleman wearing a very smart red and white T shirt, on which was emblazoned the slogan: "I saw Clive Allen play for Arsenal." Who says the humour has gone out of the game?

★ ★ ★

Talking of humour, it was reported that West Bromwich Albion manager Ron Atkinson was not happy with the balance of his forward line. Seriously considering bringing in Kevin Summerfield he explained that the youngster had scored two goals in 4 games, but questioned whether you can count them because they were both scored against Manchester City.



JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

As the time for European competition is here again, test your knowledge of European football.

1. Who is the current European Footballer of the year?
2. Who won the European Cup last May?
3. Who did they beat and what was the score?
4. All the semi-finalists in the UEFA Cup last season, were from one country. Where?
5. Arsenal beat Juventus in the final of the European Cup Winners Cup last season. True or false?
6. Which clubs will represent England in the European Cup this season?

7. Ipswich Town recorded their record score in the European Cup. What was the result?
8. Who did Ipswich beat?
9. Which was the first English club to win a major European competition. Was it Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United or Ipswich?
10. Which European competition are Ipswich in this year?

FUN SPOT — Can you unravel a famous managers name from this?
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FUN SPOT — Bobby Robson

1. Kevin Keegan, 2. Nottingham Forest, 3. SV Hamburg 1-0, 4. West Germany, 5. False. They beat Juventus in the semi-final, 6. Liverpool and Nottingham Forest, 7. 10-0, 8. Fiorentina of Malta, 9. Tottenham Hotspur. They won the ECWC in 1962-63, 10. The UEFA Cup.

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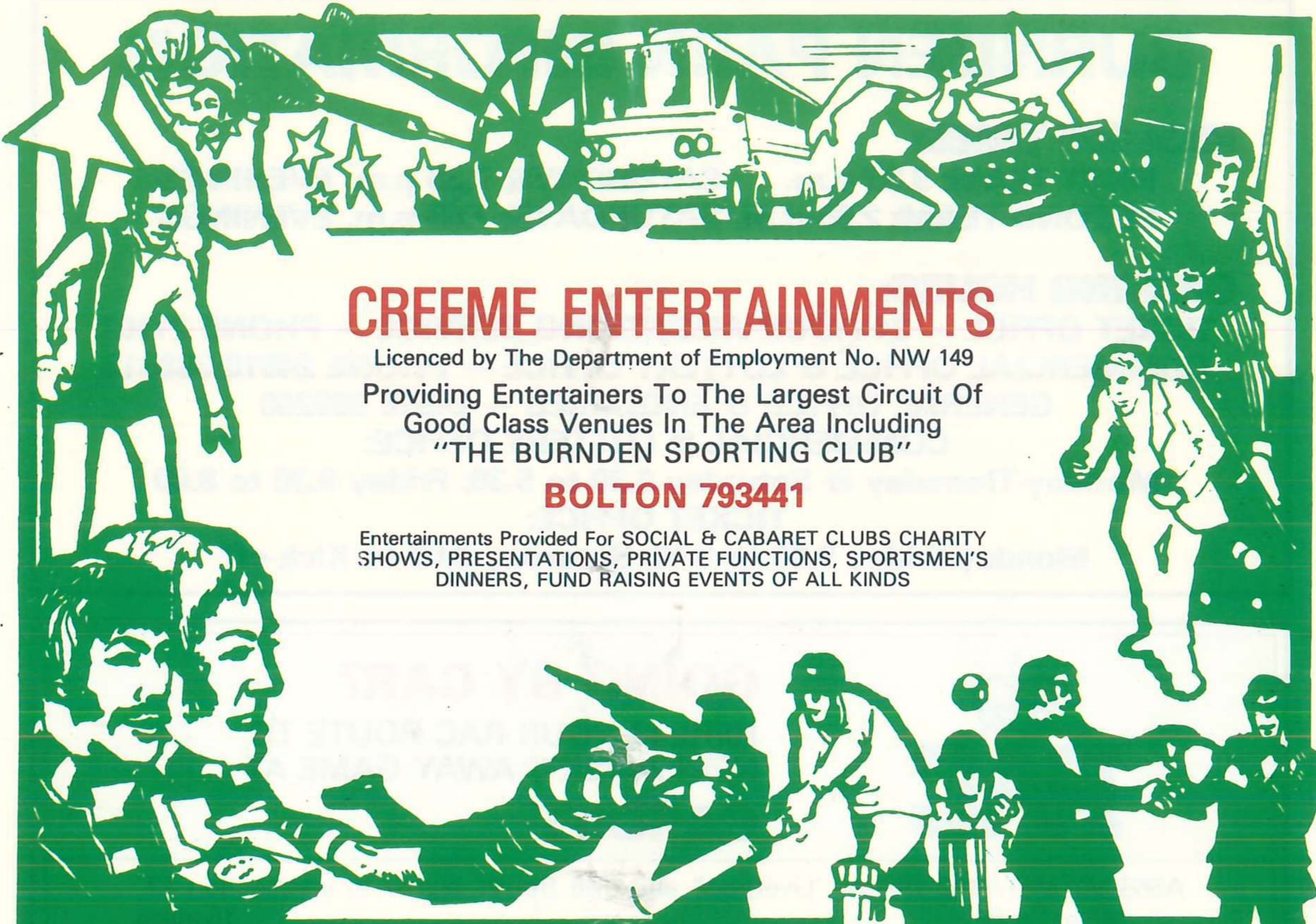
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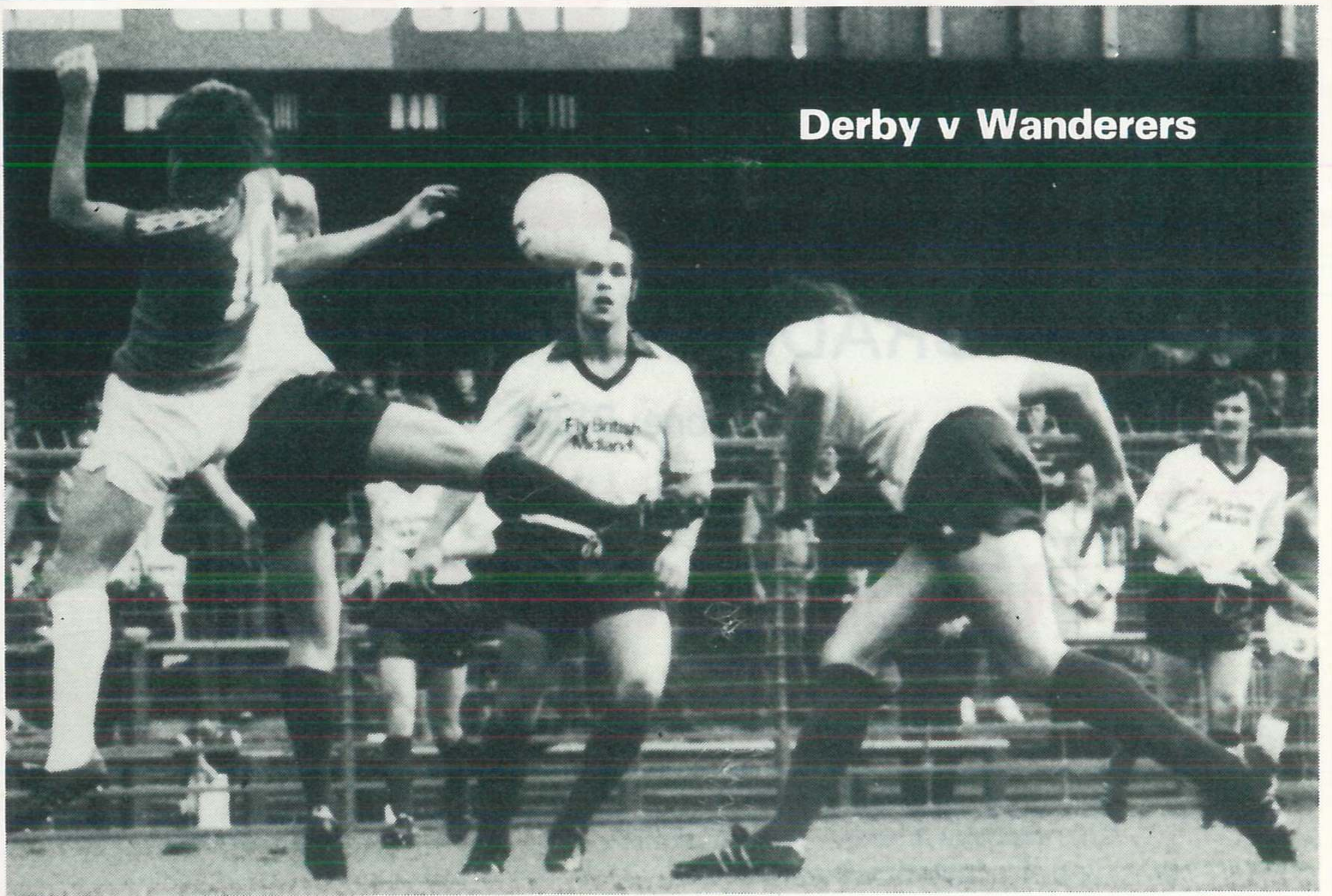
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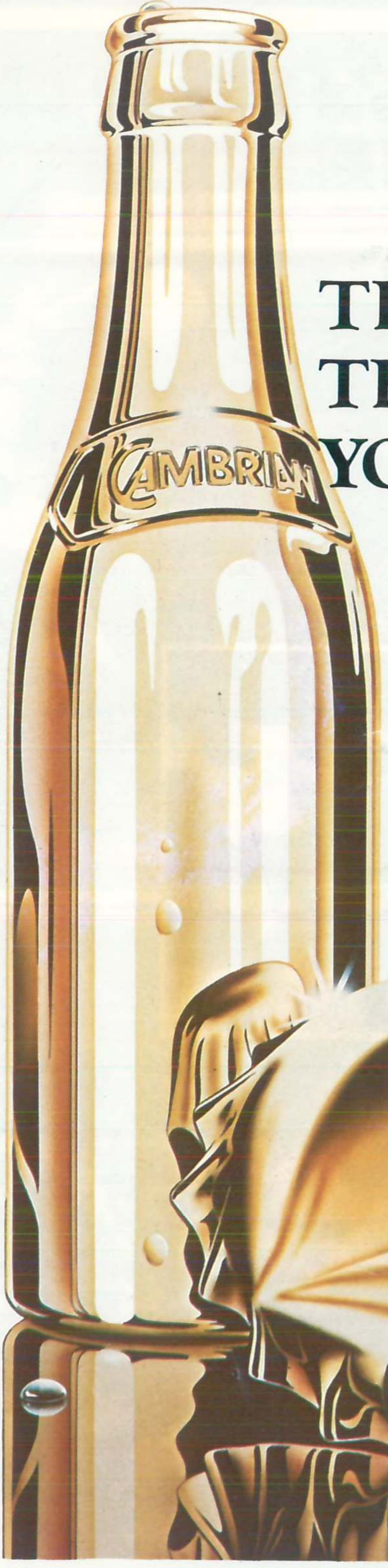


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LEAGUE DIVISION ONE (Up to and including Sat. 30th Aug. 1980)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goals
Ipswich Town	4	3	1	0	9	2	7	
Southampton	4	3	1	0	8	3	7	
Aston Villa	4	3	1	0	6	3	7	
Sunderland	4	2	1	1	9	4	5	
Liverpool	4	2	1	1	7	3	5	
Nottingham Forest	4	2	1	1	7	3	5	
Tottenham Hotspur	4	2	1	1	8	7	5	
Arsenal	4	2	1	1	5	4	5	
Wolverhampton W.	4	2	1	1	4	3	5	
Manchester United	4	1	2	1	4	2	4	
Leicester City	4	2	0	2	4	3	4	
West Brom Albion	4	1	2	1	3	3	4	
Birmingham City	4	1	1	2	5	6	3	
Brighton & H.A.	4	1	1	2	5	6	3	
Coventry City	4	1	1	2	4	5	3	
Middlesbrough	4	1	1	2	7	10	3	
Everton	4	1	1	2	2	7	3	
Norwich City	4	1	0	3	8	9	2	
Crystal Palace	4	1	0	3	8	11	2	
Leeds United	4	1	0	3	5	9	2	
Manchester City	4	0	2	2	4	10	2	
Stoke City	4	0	2	2	3	12	2	

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (Up to and including Sat. 30th Aug. 1980)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goals
Blackburn	4	3	1	0	6	2	7	
Derby County	4	3	0	1	6	6	6	
Sheffield Wednesday	4	2	1	1	5	2	5	
Cambridge	4	2	1	1	7	5	5	
Grimsby	4	1	3	0	4	3	5	
Notts County	4	2	1	1	5	6	5	
West Ham United	4	1	2	1	6	3	4	
Q.P.R.	4	1	2	1	5	2	4	
Orient	4	1	2	1	7	6	4	
Oldham	4	2	0	2	5	4	4	
Cardiff	4	2	0	2	6	6	4	
Luton	4	2	0	2	5	5	4	
Swansea	4	1	2	1	4	4	4	
Watford	4	1	2	0	2	4	4	
Bolton	4	1	1	2	5	3	3	
Chelsea	4	0	3	1	7	8	3	
Wrexham	4	1	1	2	5	6	3	
Bristol City	4	0	3	1	2	3	3	
Preston	4	0	3	1	1	4	3	
Bristol Rovers	4	0	3	1	3	7	3	
Newcastle	4	1	1	2	3	8	3	
Shrewsbury	4	0	2	2	4	7	2	

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LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

1980-81	SECOND DIVISION	F	A
Aug.	Notts County	1	2
	SHEFFIELD WED.	0	0
	NEWCASTLE UNITED	4	0
	CRYSTAL PALACE (LC2,1L)	0	3
Sept.	Derby County	0	1
	Crystal Palace (LC2,2L)	0	1
	BRISTOL ROVERS		
	Cardiff City		
	SWANSEA CITY		
	League Cup 3		
	Oldham Athletic		
Oct.	CHELSEA		
	Shrewsbury Town		
	Queens Park R.		
	BRISTOL CITY		
	PRESTON N.E.		
	West Ham United		
	League Cup 4		
Nov.	CAMBRIDGE UNITED		
	Watford		
	Sheffield Wed.		
	NOTTS COUNTY		
	GRIMSBY TOWN (1)		
	Luton Town		
	League Cup 5		
	ORIENT		
	Bristol City (2)		
	QUEENS PARK R.		
	Wrexham		
	BLACKBURN ROVERS		
1981 Jan.	F.A. Cup 3		
	Grimsby Town		
	League Cup SF		
	DERBY COUNTY		
	F.A. Cup 4		
	Newcastle United		
Feb.	CARDIFF CITY		
	League Cup SF		
	Bristol Rovers (5)		
	OLDHAM ATHLETIC		
	Swansea City		
	Chelsea (6)		
Mar.	SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)		
	Preston N.E.		
	WEST HAM UNITED		
	Cambridge United		
Apr.	WATFORD (SF)		
	Blackburn Rovers		
	WREXHAM		
	Orient		
	LUTON TOWN		
May	F.A. Cup Final		

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1980-81	CENTRAL LEAGUE	F	A
Aug.	SHEFFIELD WED.	1	2
	Manchester United	1	2
	Coventry City	1	3
Sept.	Manchester City		
	Bury		
Oct.	NOTTINGHAM F.		
	Liverpool		
	LEEDS UNITED		
	WEST BROM A.		
	STOKE CITY		
	Preston N.E.		
	HUDDERSFIELD T.		
	Blackpool		
Nov.	BURNLEY		
	MANCHESTER UNITED		
	Sheffield W.		
	Aston Villa		
	Derby County		
	WOLVERHAMPTON W.		
	Sheffield United		
	NEWCASTLE UNITED		
	BLACKPOOL		
	Leeds United		
	DERBY COUNTY		
	Everton		
1981 Jan.	ASTON VILLA		
	COVENTRY CITY		
	Blackburn Rovers		
	Stoke City		
Feb.	MANCHESTER CITY		
	Newcastle United		
	Nottingham Forest		
	BURY		
Mar.	LIVERPOOL		
	West Bromwich-A.		
	PRESTON N.E.		
	Huddersfield Town		
Apr.	SHEFFIELD UNITED		
	Burnley		
	EVERTON		
May	BLACKBURN ROVERS		
	Wolverhampton W.		

FACTS & FIGURES

TEAM CHECK

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Dennis Peacock
- 2 Dave Clements
- 3 Dave Burke
- 4 Len Cantello
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Mike Walsh
- 7 Alan Gowling
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Mike Carter
- 10 Brian Kidd
- 11 Dave Hoggan
- 12



Bristol Rovers

- 1 Martin Thomas
- 2 Donnie Gillies
- 3 Phil Bater
- 4 Aidan McCaffery
- 5 Mark Hughes
- 6 Gary Mabbutt
- 7 Stewart Barrowclough
- 8 David Williams
- 9 Chick Bates
- 10 Shaun Penny
- 11 Bob Lee
- 12 Tony Pulis

Referee:

B. Martin (Keyworth, Notts)

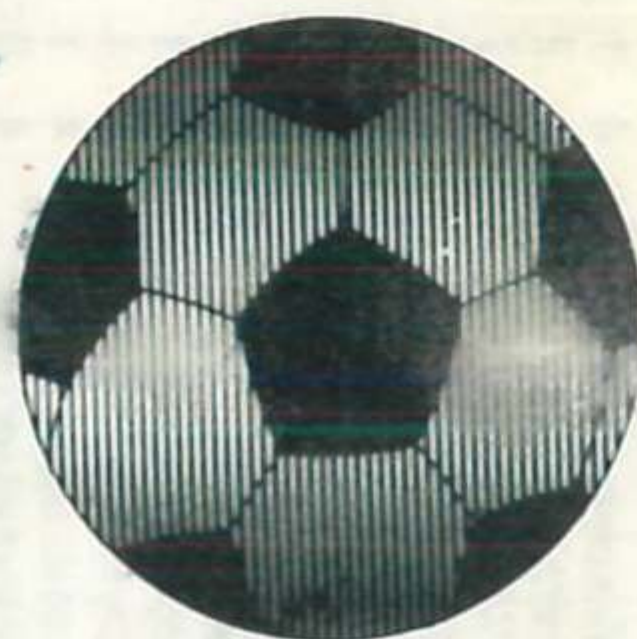
Linesmen:

G. M. McManus (Deeside) (Red Flag)

P. H. Waters (Blackpool) (Yellow Flag)

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY LIVERPOOL		
B	COVENTRY CITY CRYSTAL PALACE		
C	EVERTON WOLVERHAMPTON W.		
D	IPSWICH TOWN ASTON VILLA		
E	LEICESTER CITY SUNDERLAND		
F	MANCHESTER CITY ARSENAL		
G	MIDDLESBROUGH NOTTINGHAM FOREST		
H	SOUTHAMPTON BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		
I	STOKE CITY LEEDS UNITED		
J	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR MANCHESTER UNITED		
K	WEST BROMWICH ALBION NORWICH CITY		
L			
M	BRISTOL CITY SWANSEA CITY		
N	CHELSEA WEST HAM UNITED		
O	DERBY COUNTY BLACKBURN ROVERS		
P	LUTON TOWN WREXHAM		
Q	NEWCASTLE UNITED CARDIFF CITY		
R	NOTTS COUNTY QUEENS PARK RANGERS		
S	OLDHAM ATHLETIC SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		
T	ORIENT GRIMSBY TOWN		
U	PRESTON NORTH END CAMBRIDGE UNITED		
V	SHREWSBURY TOWN WATFORD		
W	BURNLEY COLCHESTER UNITED		
X	WIGAN ATHLETIC PORT VALE		



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